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WEATHER FORECAST—Thursday Fair.

Blankets and Comforts That Are Needed Now

The little animal that regulates our weather after the second of February has evidently gone back for a good long rest, judging by the thermometer this morning.

We can help you keep comfortable to-night with these blankets and comforts—many of them at reduced prices.

Sample pairs of 12-4 WHITE WOOL BLANKETS that sold up to \$7.00 a pair, now \$5.98. Being on display they've become a little soiled. All wool GRAY AND SCARLET BLANKETS, silk bound and well finished. Full 11-4 size. Blue and Pink borders. \$4.50.

Large size COMFORTS filled with pure white cotton and covered with figured Silkkline on both sides, tucked with zephyr, \$1.75. Pure Laminated Cotton COMFORTS covered with figured Satteen, well quilted, which prevents the cotton from knotting. 75x78 inches, \$2.75. LAMBS-WOOL COMFORTS covered with a good quality of figured Silkkline. Extra large sizes, \$3.25 and \$4.00.

A Coat and Fur Proposition for Cold Weather.

We offer you every winter coat and fur in the house at half, or less than half their original prices. If we carry these garments over to next fall, they will, of course, be sold at reduced prices, but not as low as they are to-day. The season will be ahead of them at that time. Now the incoming spring goods are crowding them out.

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See our Ad. on Woman's Page, This Evening's News Leader.

TRUE BILLS IN MANCHESTER

Thirteen Indictments Found by Grand Jury for Selling Liquor to Minors.

LOOKING FOR ROANOKE FIEND

Street Fight Occasions Arrest of Three Negroes—Marriage This Evening—Notes.

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The special grand jury, which has been investigating the alleged sale of liquor to minors, completed their work last night, and as a result thirteen indictments were drawn, nine against proprietors of bars and four against bartenders.

The investigation was thorough. Four sittings were had by the jury, and about forty witnesses were examined. The warrants will be sworn out this morning and a time for the hearing set. The punishment in such cases is fine and imprisonment, or either.

The indictments were made out against the following: P. C. Davis, W. J. Dobkins, Guy Cole, W. A. Neal, James Phillips, L. M. Latham, Peter Donald, Jr., Sam Henry, Moore and Burke, Moore Brothers, Henry Schwartz, Alley Waymack and George Day.

The papers will be served by City Sergeant Saunders.

LOOKING FOR THE FIEND.

After the police of Manchester and Swansboro had scoured a large section of Chesterfield county, yesterday, in search of a negro supernal assault in Roanoke, Chief Lipscomb arrested the man, who turned out to be a negro named Pete Ditty, who proved that he had been living in Manchester for several weeks. He was released. Vigilant search is being kept up, however, in the hope that the right man may be captured.

STREET FIGHT.

Four negroes got into a rough and tumble fight on Wall Street, between Seventh and Eighth last night, about 8:30 o'clock, and a lot of excitement was occasioned thereby. Police Sergeant Wright got in the midst of the fray, and landed three of them behind the bars in the station house. They are: William Harris, James Harris and William Mat Harris. Their cases will be heard to-day.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral of Mr. H. W. Fursion took place from Meade Memorial Church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the burial was in Maury Cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral of Naomi Sue, the infant child of Mr. E. L. Walhall, of No. 212 East Ninth Street, took place from the home at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the services were by Rev. Dr. Cridim. Her mother died two months ago.

CHANGE OF HOUR.

The marriage of Mr. Percy C. Pugh and Miss Lizzie W. Dent, announced for 8:30 o'clock this morning, has been changed to 9 o'clock to-night, at Clopton Street Church. This change was made because of illness in the family of the bride. After the ceremony a reception will be given at the home of the bride, in the county, to the family and party. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. W. W. Bink.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected at

PERSONAL AND BRIEFS.

Rev. C. E. B. Wood, of Colorado, spoke in Cowardin Avenue Christian Church last night.

The Finance Committee will meet to-morrow night.

ALLEGED CROOKS.

Negroes Arrested by Detectives Gibson, Wren and Wiltshire.

Detectives Gibson, Wren and Wiltshire arrested two negroes last night named Bill Mosley and "Daddy Dick" Copekand, as suspected characters.

Auxiliary to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Auxiliary of the Home for Incurables will be held at noon to-day at the Washington Hotel. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOT FIRE TRAPS

Every Precaution Taken That Life May Not Be Sacrificed. Fire Drill Safeguard.

Mr. W. F. Fox, superintendent of the Richmond city schools, is quoted by the "Fireproof," of Chicago, as saying that the Richmond High School building is "inimately overcrowded and unsafe."

Speaking in this connection yesterday afternoon, Mr. Fox said that at the High School and all of the other schools of the city every possible precaution against fire was being taken, and the pupils were frequently given the fire drill. The High School building is about as bad as any in the city, probably worse, as it is so much crowded, and yet five minutes is the outside limit it takes the students to clear the building in the fire drills. In all of the schools on the occasion of the drills the pupils do not know whether or not there is a fire. The teacher simply states in each room for all to prepare to leave the room. Each pupil knows his place, and jumps to it at the signal. The High School building has two exits by doors and two fire escapes. In the drills only the doors are used. The doors open "out," an exceedingly important safeguard in time of fire.

The school buildings are about as far from being fireproof as it is possible for brick structures to be, but the school board was far sighted enough to see that the new building to be erected in the East End should at least be "fireproof." This is about as good as can be hoped for. People have little or no faith in "strictly fireproof" structures. Too many of them burn. The best that the board hopes for is a building which will not burn too rapidly for schools on the occasion of a fire, and the fire department to get there and bury the flames beneath irresistible streams of the yellow flames.

New Ground for Divorce.

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WANT LAW WITH TEETH

Anti-Saloon League Will Ask Legislature to Pass New Social Club Measure.

RECENT ENACTMENT FAILURE

Important Steps That May Crush Out Blind Tigers—Meeting of Executive Committee.

Within the very early future there will be offered in the General Assembly, at the instance of the temperance forces in the State, a new measure designed to cope more effectively and thoroughly with the evils said to grow out of the so-called social clubs now springing up in every section of the Commonwealth.

The first step in the matter was taken on Monday night at the annual meeting in this city of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia. It was brought out clearly then that the recently enacted club law is totally ineffective and is a sort of eyeglass to the temperance folk. It accomplishes absolutely nothing in the way of holding the mushroom clubs in check, and, moreover it was stated that it repeated the wrong section of the Mann bill. The committee discussed the matter thoroughly, and finally decided to ask for new law. A special subcommittee was appointed and will get to work this week or early in the next.

"The recent law on the social clubs having been found defective and valueless for the purpose of the suppression of the clubs," says the president of the league, the Rev. James Cannon, Jr., in making a report of the meeting, "the league will ask the Legislature to pass a law with teeth in it. The league will press for an advanced legislation on the liquor question."

"Will Judge Mann offer the new bill?" was asked of one of the Executive Committee members yesterday. He replied in effect, "but it is very likely that he will."

Meeting of the Committee.

The meeting of the Executive Committee was a very important one. Two sessions were held, one in the afternoon and one at night. The latter lasted until nearly midnight. Among those present were:

James Cannon, Jr., of Blackstone; Rev. H. P. Atkins, of this city; Rev. Gordon B. Moore, D. D., of this city; Rev. J. W. West, of this city; Professor S. C. Hatcher, of Petersburg; Rev. M. Ashby Jones, of this city; Rev. E. A. Copekand, of this city; Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of Newport News; Rev. C. S. Garner, D. D., of this city; Rev. W. Asbury Christian, of Berkeley; Rev. R. H. Bennett, of Ashland, and Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., of this city.

The committee discussed the general situation in the State and the work of the past year, and made plans for the future. The ministers were much gratified at the condition of things in general.

An Important Revelation.

The league has just become in possession of certain information that will enable it to detect the blind tigers and speak in local option territory. Nearly every one of these illegal establishments takes the precaution of paying the United States tax, although they are violating the State law. The penalty imposed by the Federal government is much more severe than that of the State, however, and the government almost inevitable. Therefore the blind tigers pay its United States tax, and when the inspector comes around shows the receipt, and that ends the matter. For the official has nothing to do with the State law. The illicit business is carried on without interruption, unless the State can spot the fellows. This the league intends to do. It has endeavored before to get from the revenue officers of Virginia lists of those holding United States tax receipts, but the officers were forbidden by law to say a word to the league. The league has now discovered that another way opens the official records to the public. The tax list is in a book commonly known as "Book Ten" and the league now announces that it will make an immediate inspection of Book Ten. Under the law it has a right to do this. It will copy the names, send them broadcast to the State, and publish them in the Christian Federation. Those to whom the law gives the right to have whiskey will be subordinated, and then it will be known that the remainder are violators of the law. They will be spotted, watched and reported.

Codify the Laws.

Two or three other important matters grew out of the meeting of the committee. The work of disseminating temperance literature will be pushed. The liquor laws of the State will be codified and published in book form and sent everywhere for the benefit of citizens and lawyers. Each book will contain in an appendix explicit directions of how the different localities, now largely ignorant of the means, may secure a better enforcement of the law and of how to proceed against violators thereof.

It was arranged to hold over 100 district rallies and county conventions, and to have representation at the various district meetings of the religious bodies during the summer. The work in the cities will be pushed until May, and both superintendent and field secretary will spend considerable time in Richmond.

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VIOLETS!

Headquarters for Carnations, Roses, &c.

LARGEST STOCK IN CITY.

W. A. HAMMOND, 107 E. Broad St.

ENDS LIFE BY POISON

General John A. Gills, of Amelia, Takes a Deadly Drug With Fatal Intent.

Information reached this city early yesterday of the death of General John A. Gills, of Amelia Courthouse, on Tuesday, the end being due to poison self-administered while laboring under temporary insanity. He was found dead near the railway track, about 6 P. M. The Amelia Courthouse, about 6 P. M. The end being due to poison self-administered while laboring under temporary insanity. He was found dead near the railway track, about 6 P. M. The Amelia Courthouse, about 6 P. M.

There was every evidence of careful premeditation in the act of self-destruction.

He had at various times just before the fatal act purchased laudanum, and strengthening a druggist at the county seat, explaining that he desired the drug for purposes other than the sequel proved. So determined upon ending his own life was the demented man that he purchased a revolver in the village on Monday.

When the body was found it was still warm, but with life extinct; it was leaning against a pine tree near the railway. He had been seen Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock near the railway station, and again near 11 A. M. on the railway, near the point where later in the day his corpse was discovered.

Falling to appear at dinner and for some time afterwards, his handwork, L. Farrar, became alarmed as to his safety, and instituted a search for him. By means of inquiries his movements were traced. It was then ascertained that he had purchased the drugs and the revolver, and unhesitatingly gave way to his homicidal tendencies. He had left a package of sealed papers at a store. These proved to be his will, a diamond ring, and a sum of money.

When the body was found there was pinned upon it a sheet of paper upon which, written in his own handwriting, was a statement that left no doubt of the nature of his death. This statement was in the nature of a farewell to friends coupled with the statement that he had tried to do right and hoped that he would be forgiven if he had failed. He wrote several times on the sheet: "Be sure that I am dead before you bury me." Further investigation disclosed that he had used the poison, but not the revolver, which was found fully loaded.

General Gills had practiced law in the county for a number of years and was well and widely known in Amelia and adjoining counties. He is said to have been a man of great gentleness and kindliness, and was greatly respected by the community. General Gills was a member of the administration of Governor Cameron, having been appointed and commissioned a brigadier-general by the Governor. General Gills is survived by a sister, Mrs. C. C. Farley, of Amelia, and by a brother, Mr. J. C. Gills, of Petersburg.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the interment being in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Amelia Courthouse.

ASKED TO RESIGN.

City Attorney Ashworth Resigns and Will Serve Out Term.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, TENN., Feb. 3.—Growing out of the case of illegal dealings with the city of Bristol, Va., on the part of J. P. Jones, a member of the City Council, and president of the Dominion National Bank, city attorney J. S. Ashworth has been requested by the Council to hand in his resignation.

Mr. Ashworth, who has been in the city for some time, has been asked to resign. He has now taken steps to test the charges against Mr. Jones in the courts, since the Council has refused to do so. The Council has not undertaken to pass upon the legal phases of the case.

Did Not Have Quorum.

The stockholders of the B. F. Johnson Public Utility Company were to have had their annual meeting yesterday afternoon, but failed of a quorum. The next date of the meeting is Wednesday of next week.

VIRGINIA BRIEFS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) YORKTOWN, VA., Feb. 3.—Robert Carter, a negro, sixty years of age, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. An eccentric nature, he had been in the city for some time, and occupied one room of a house back in the woods, and at some distance from any place where he had not been seen for some time, and it is now believed that he had been dead for nearly three weeks.

Mr. Parke Jones has sold his farm in James City county, known as Dunbar, to Mr. L. L. Wilson, of Halifax. The tract contains 450 acres. The price paid has not been made known.

WOODSTOCK, VA.—The condition of Mr. L. S. Walker, clerk of the courts of Shenandoah county, who has been in the city for two weeks, remains very critical.

SOUTH HAVEN, VA.—It is rumored that Mr. Samuel S. Henderson, Jr., of South Haden, was accidentally killed in the mining district of West Virginia last week, where he recently went to accept a position.

LADIES

for years have sung the praises of CYDONIAN as being unequalled for Rough, Chapped, Irritated SKIN. An excellent skin preparation. 25c. at All Druggists. POLK MILLER DRUG CO.

THE APPEAL

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Decision in Important Case.

MANY THOUSANDS INVOLVED

The Lower Court Affirmed—A Kindred Case Being Argued. One Call To-day.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals was engaged yesterday with argument in a case of great importance and magnitude. It is printed in a voluminous record, covering over 3,000 printed pages, and involves over a quarter of a million dollars. It is the case of Emanuel W. Bloomingdale, trustee, &c., and Marcus A. Bettman, et al., appellants, vs. Gilbert L. Watson and Max Drey, appellees, from the Circuit Court at Parkersburg, W. Va.

The litigation grew out of a deed of assignment made in New York by the partnership of Bettman, Watson and Bernheimer, and of Bettman and Watson, which firm was engaged in general business, having an output of over 500 barrels a day, in the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. Gilbert L. Watson, one of the partners and parties to the deeds of assignments, claimed to have been defrauded by said deeds, and applied to the Circuit Court of the United States at Parkersburg, W. Va., to set aside the deeds of assignments and be relieved from the effect of the assignments, and praying for a dissolution of the partnership, and that their assets be administered and the rights of all parties be properly adjudicated and the partnership wound up. The lower court found the deeds of assignments to be fraudulent, and, accordingly, set them aside, and appointed a receiver and a special master to take charge of the property and to state and settle the accounts between the several parties composing the firms, and held that the said Watson was entitled to be relieved of said debts, and that the said debts and each of them were in fraud of his rights and of the rights of the creditors of said firms, and that at the time of the filing of complainant's bill he was and now is entitled to have the said debts cancelled as to himself and his said firms.

APPELLEES MOVE TO DISMISS. Upon the case being called by the court for argument, counsel for the appellees filed a motion to dismiss the appeal of the appellants on the ground that the circuit does not have jurisdiction of the case, or of any person as its agent, and that the citation is not directed or served upon other necessary and indispensable parties, and that the appeal was not taken within six months from the date of the final decree as required by the act of Congress.

A. Leo Weil, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and B. M. Ambler, of Parkersburg, W. Va., argued in support of the motion, and F. B. Enslow, of Huntington, W. Va., argued in opposition to the motion. The court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

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Name of the company in full—VIRGINIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA. Location of home or principal office of the company—RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE. MIXED PLAN. Organized and incorporated—MARCH 21, 1871. Commenced business—APRIL 1, 1871. President—J. G. WALKER; Secretary—W. L. T. ROBERTSON.